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SUBJECT: ZEGHAR AND ABDESSELAM VISIT TO US

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1. RACHID ZEGHAR ACCOMPANYING ABDESSELAM AND IS DESIGNATED AS COUNSELOR TO MINISTER. OTHER MEMBERS PARTY INCLUDE: SID AHMED GHOZALI; CHERIF GUELLAL; FNU MAACHOU, SONATRACH DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE; H. REDOUANE, CHIEF OF CABINET OF MINISTRY INDUSTRY; A. BELAID, PERSONAL ADVISER AND ALGERIAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVE; DR.YOUCCEF DERDER, COUNSELOR TO SONATRACH.

2. WHEN BOUSSELHAM CALLED REQUESTING APPOINTMENT FOR ABDESSELAM WITH SECRETARY, HE SAID MINISTER WISHED DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROBLEMS IN CAPACITY AS OAPEK PRESIDENT, AND BILATERAL ISSUES IN MINISTERIAL ROLE. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY STILL PENDING.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH HOSTING LUNCH FOR ABDESSELAM FEB. 8. ABDESSELAM WILL SEE SISCO, EASUM AND ENERGY CHIEF SIMON. HE AND PARTY SCHEDULED DEPART WASHINGTON 4:55 P.M., FEB. 8 AND CONTINUE TO PARIS SAME DAY. RUSH
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